(b) whether it is also a fact that under the present system there are long delays and a lack of professionalism at airports and ports related to immigration;

(c) what are the proposals under consideration to modernize and make efficient the present system at airports and other points of entry; and

(d) the detials of an action plan to streamlining the present inefficient system of immigration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir. Bureau of Immigration (BoI) supervises immigration activities.

(b) and (c) A comprehensive modernization programme of major Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) has been undertaken for improving immigration services.

(d) Modernization programme, *inter alia*, includes;

(i) Upgradation of Computer systems;

(ii) Installation of passport Reading Machines (PRMs);

(iii) Installation of Questionable Document Examiner (QDXs) Machines;

(iv) Installation of newly developed Immigration Control System (ICS) software; and

(v) Induction/in-service training of immigration personnel to sensitize them about use of modern gadgets and software.

Extortion letters to Delhi traders

†1721. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that traders in Delhi are getting letters for extortion through speed post;

(b) if so, the number of persons who received such letters during the last three months and Government's reaction thereto; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the steps taken by Government so far to apprehend the criminals and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Five cases of threats for extortion of money through telephones, letters and e-mails were registered by Delhi Police during the period from November, 2005 to 25th February, 2006. Four accused persons have been arrested.

Galiara Yojana around Shri Harmandar Sahib, Amritsar

1722. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of Galiara Yojana around Shri Harmandar Sahib (Golden Temple), Amritsar; and

(b) the amount so far released and utilized for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government of Punjab is carrying out the works of Galiara Project for the decongestion and beautification of the surroundings of the Golden Temple Complex at Amritsar. The entire project is to be completed in five phases. Of these, three phases have been completed. The Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 72 crores to the Government of Punjab for completion of phases IV & V of the Galiara Project. Out of which, Rs. 15.75 crores has already been released by the Central Government and an expenditure of Rs. 14.26 crores has been incurred on the various items relating to the project. Sanction for release of the 2nd installment of Rs. 13.75 crores has been issued on 13.01.2006.

Border Area Development Programme

1723. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that development activities in 699 km. Long Indo-Bhutan border area, are miserably poor particularly in health and education sector;